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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 02-742-O; 400/144)

In the Application of:

McSwiggen et al.

Serial No.: 10/764,957

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For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition
Of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor
And Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor
Receptor Gene Expression Using Short
Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA)

Examiner: GIBBS, Terra C.

Group Art Unit: 1635

Confirmation No. 9923

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 21, 2006

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following response to the Office Action mailed on February 21, 2006. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and fee are included herewith. Accordingly a response is timely filed on or before June 21, 2006. No additional fees are thought to be presently due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 3.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service under Express Mail Label No. EV839383339US in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 21, 2006.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.